

Laser impact on a liquid drop

Fluid dynamics of the prepulse

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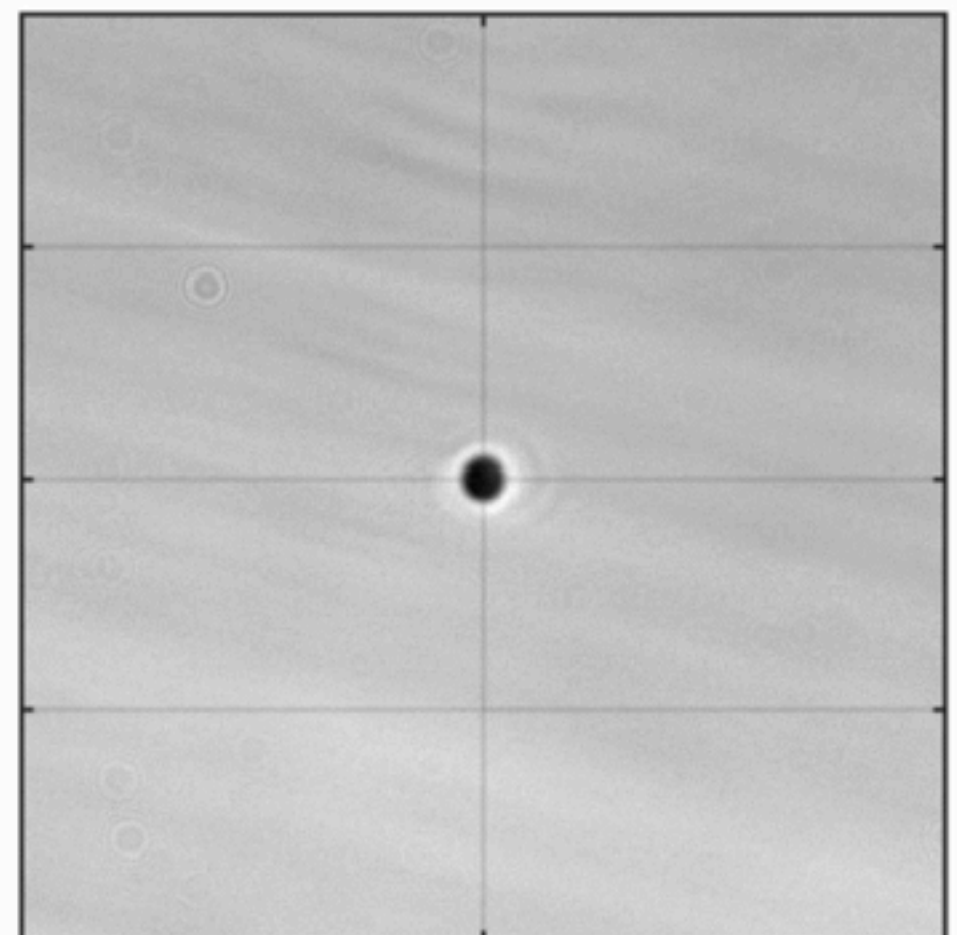
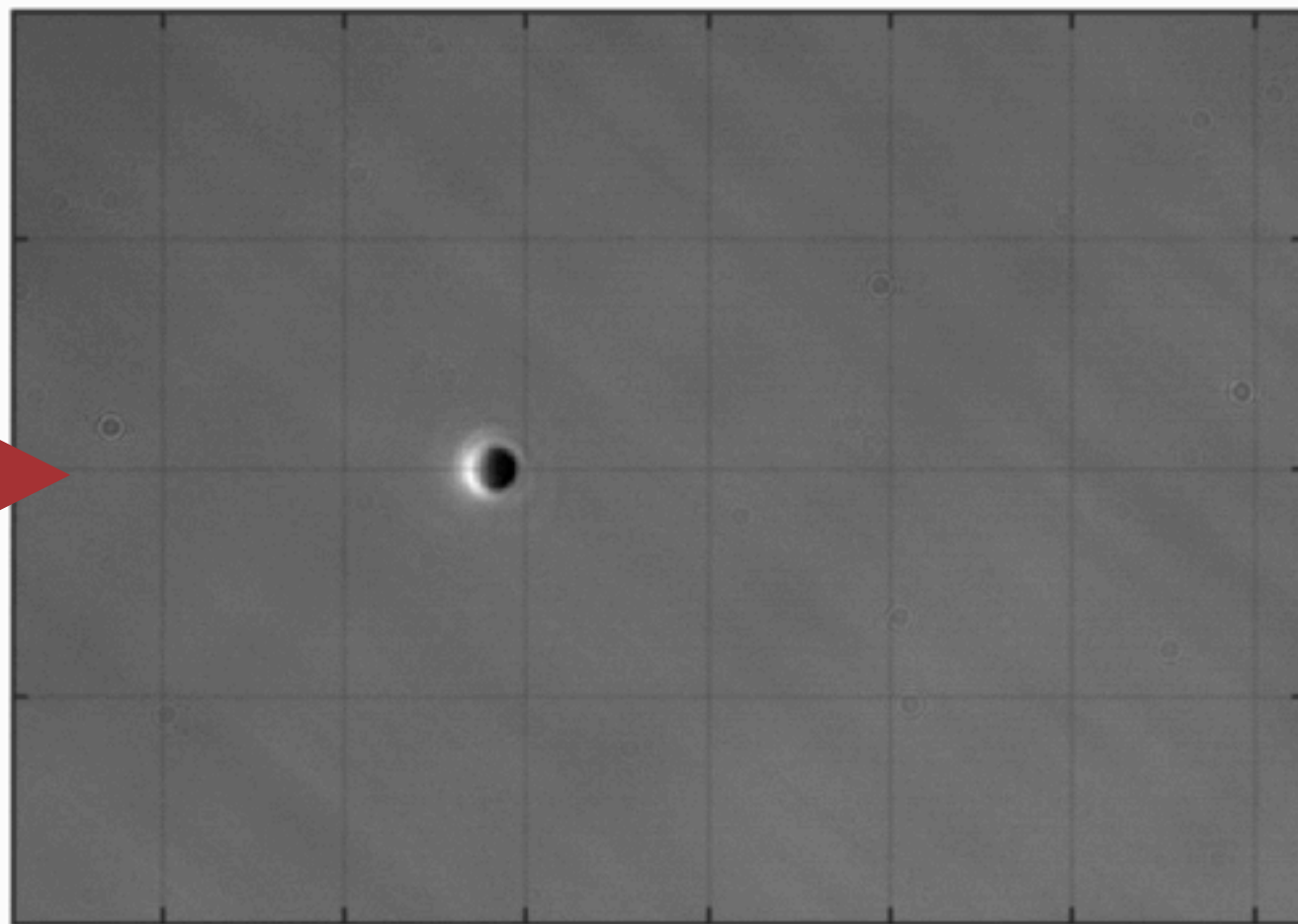
Laser impact on a tin drop

pulsed laser (10 ns, 0.4-160 mJ, 1064 nm)

25- μm liquid tin drop

Side view

Front view



The prepulse: how to shape a drop?



Droplet challenges EUV source:

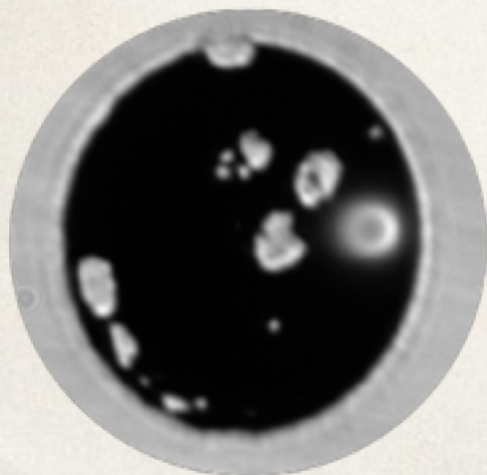
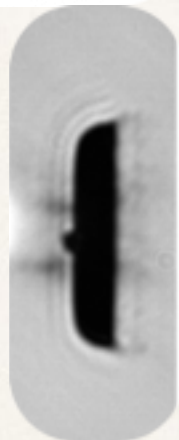
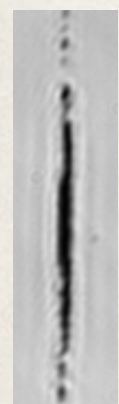
- * Optimal mass distribution for high CE
- * Minimum debris

Knobs:

prepulse energy, focus, beam profile, drop size, main pulse timing,...

Required: understanding fluid dynamic response drop to laser impact

- ➔ How does the drop deform?
- ➔ How & when does the drop fragment?

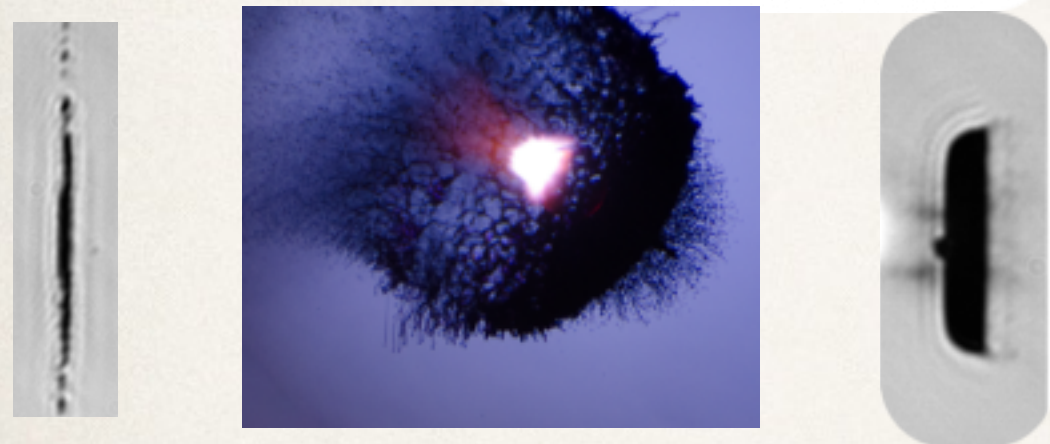


The prepulse: how to shape a drop?

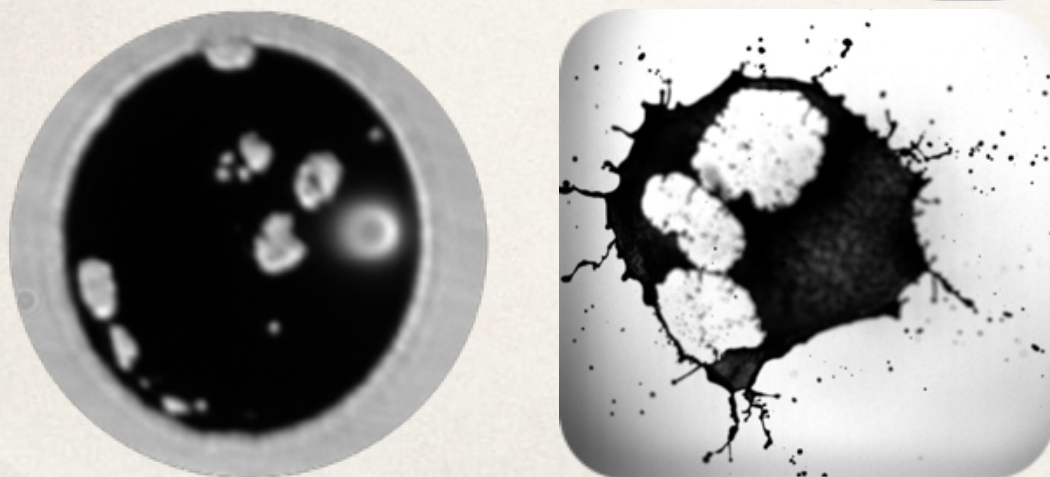


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Approach: systematic & detailed study with water drops



Why water instead of tin?

Dynamic similarity in fluids

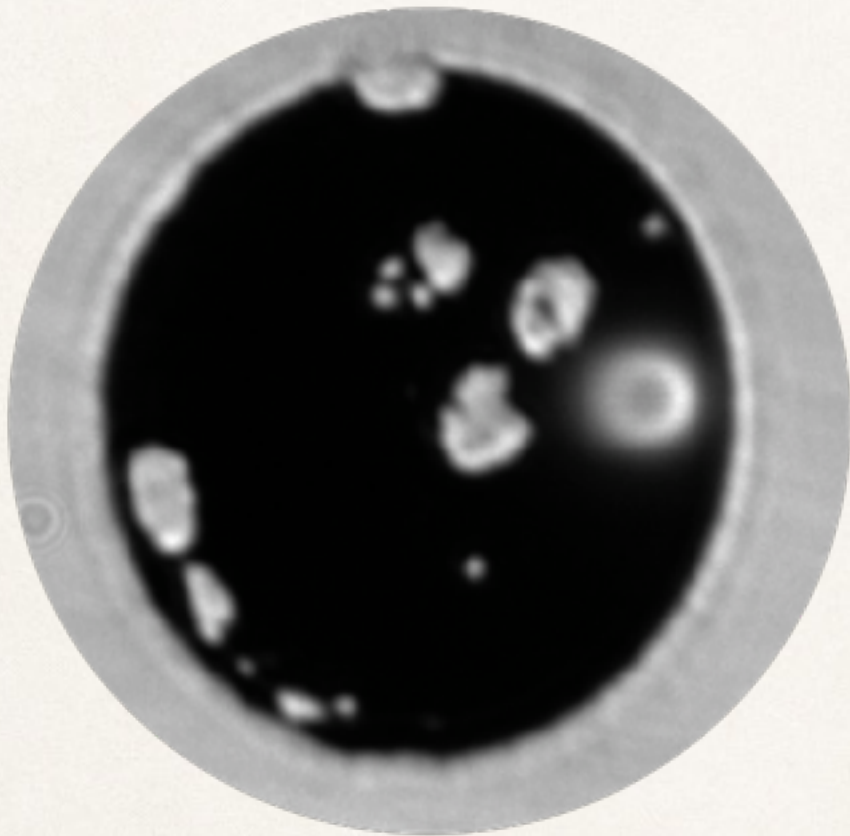


O. Reynolds, 1842-1912

Different length scales, different velocity scales, different fluid properties,
but: **similar behaviour!**

Water drops as scale model for tin

25 μm tin drop, $U \sim 100 \text{ m/s}$

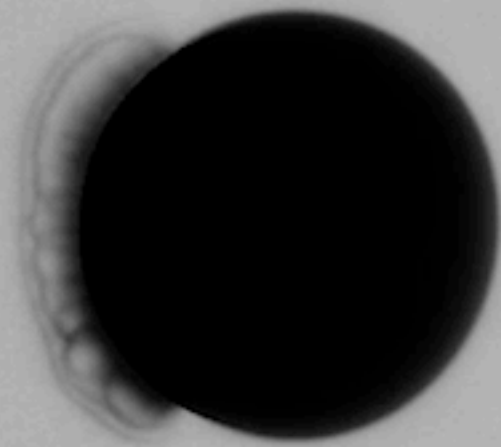


1 mm **water** drop, $U \sim 10 \text{ m/s}$



key parameter governing drop deformation & fragmentation

$$\text{Weber number} = \frac{\text{kinetic energy}}{\text{surface energy}} = \frac{\rho R_0 U^2}{\gamma}$$



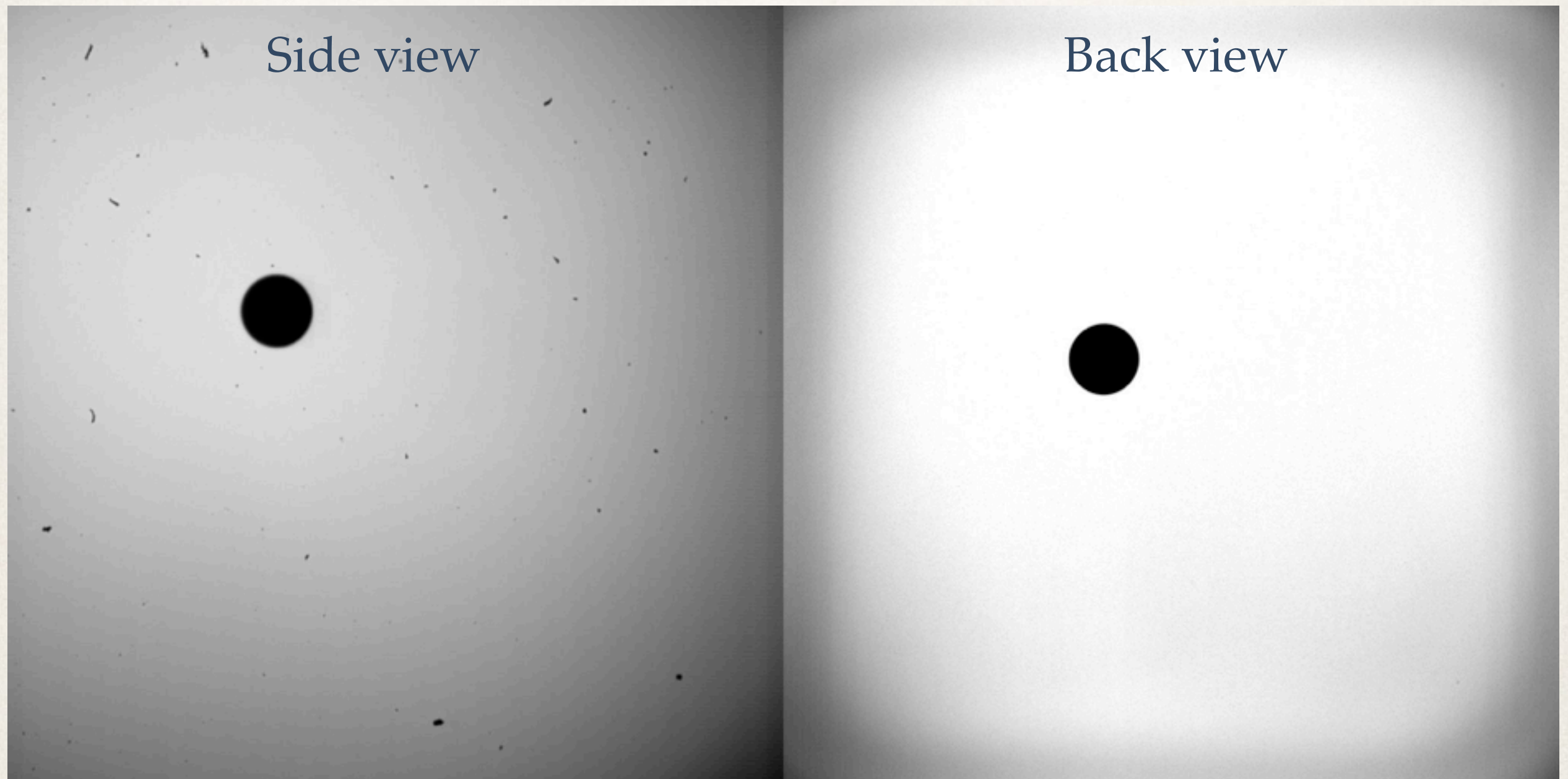
pulsed laser (10 ns, 120-400 mJ, 532 nm)
1-mm dyed water drop

stroboscopic;
effective frame rate 10^7 FPS

Laser impact on a water drop

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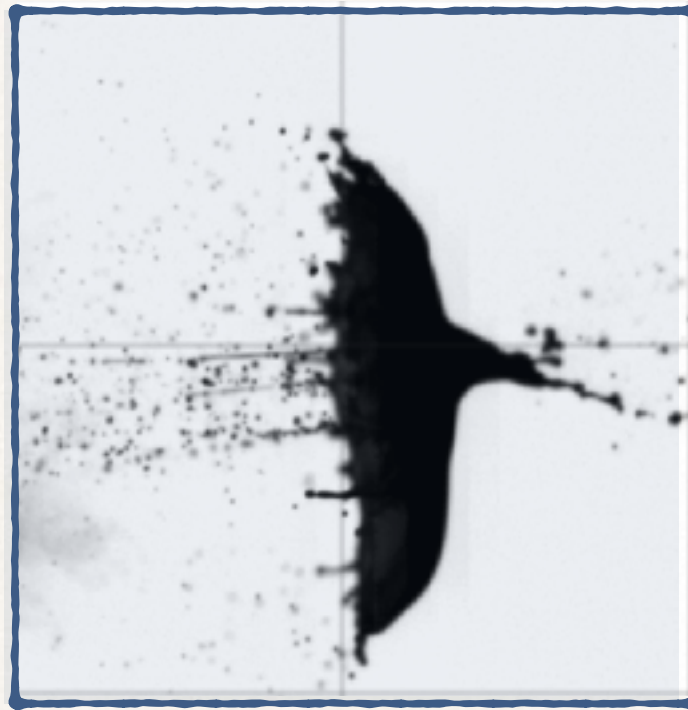
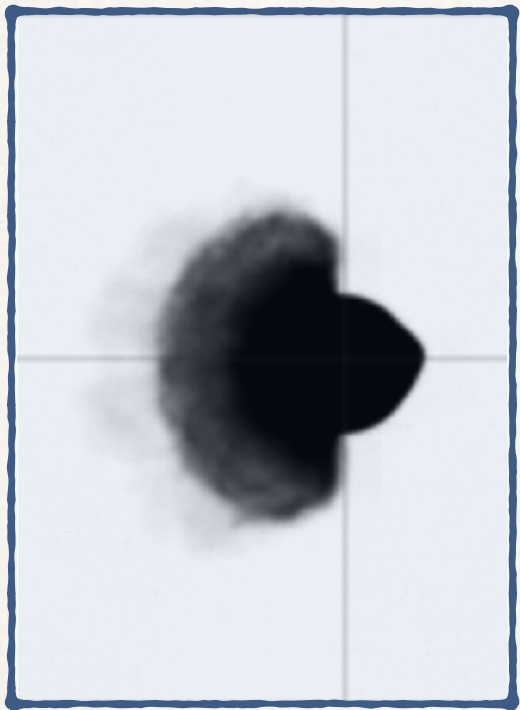
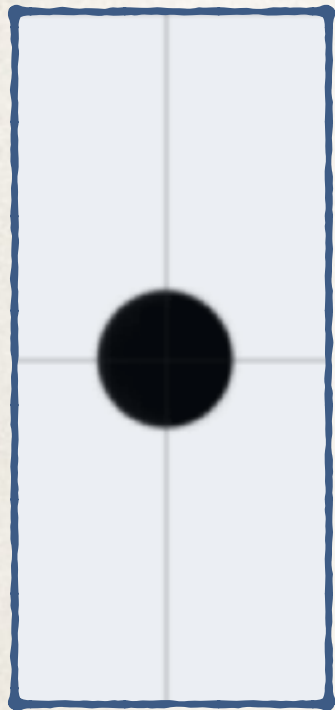


high speed movie: 10 000 FPS

What happens to the drop?

Separation of time scales

$\tau_l \sim 10 \text{ ns}$ water: $\tau_p \sim 1\text{-}10 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$ $\tau_i \sim 0.1 \text{ ms}$
tin: $\tau_p \sim 10 \text{ ns}$ $\tau_i \sim 0.1 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$



$\tau_c \sim 1 \text{ ms}$
 $\tau_c \sim 10 \text{ }\mu\text{s}$

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2. It deforms

3. It fragments

a. Rim breakup

b. Hole nucleation

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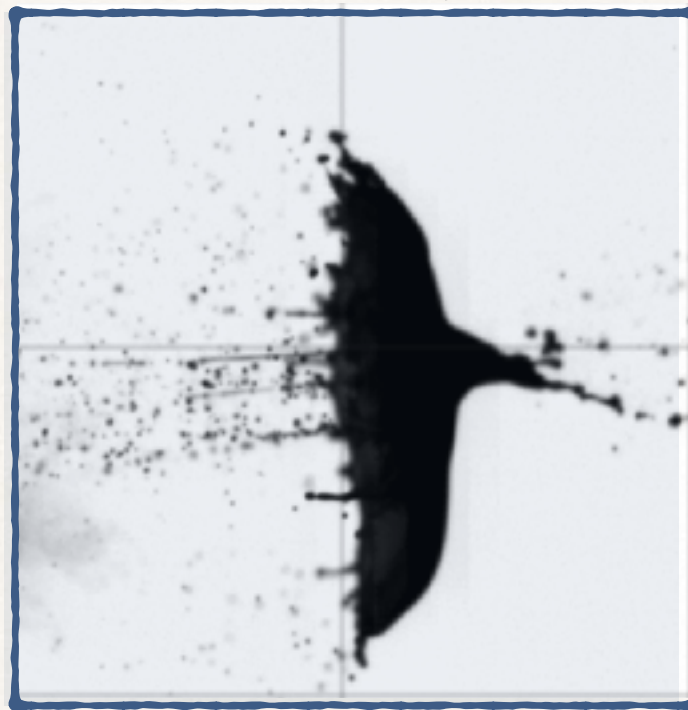
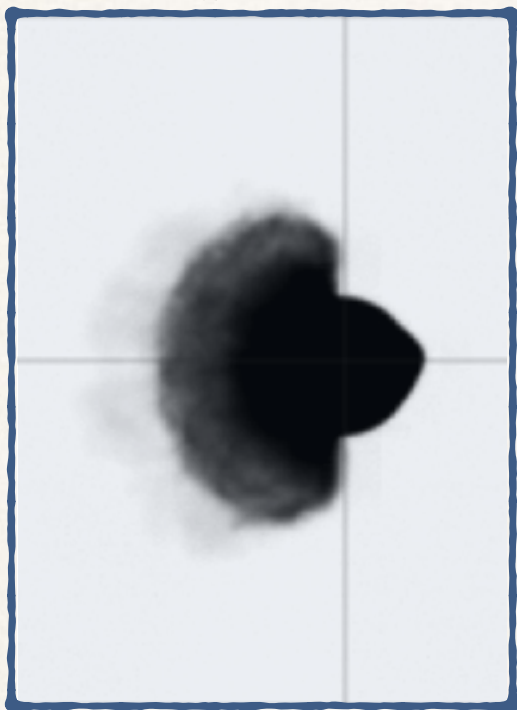
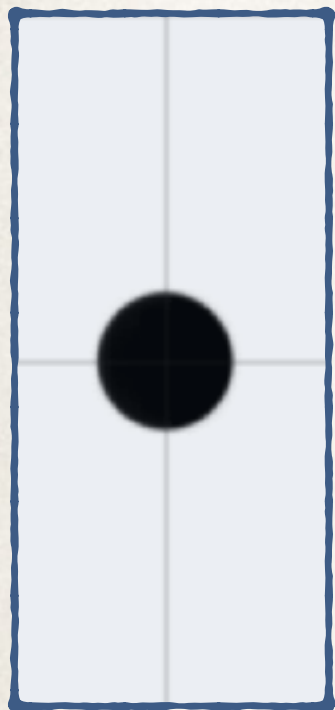
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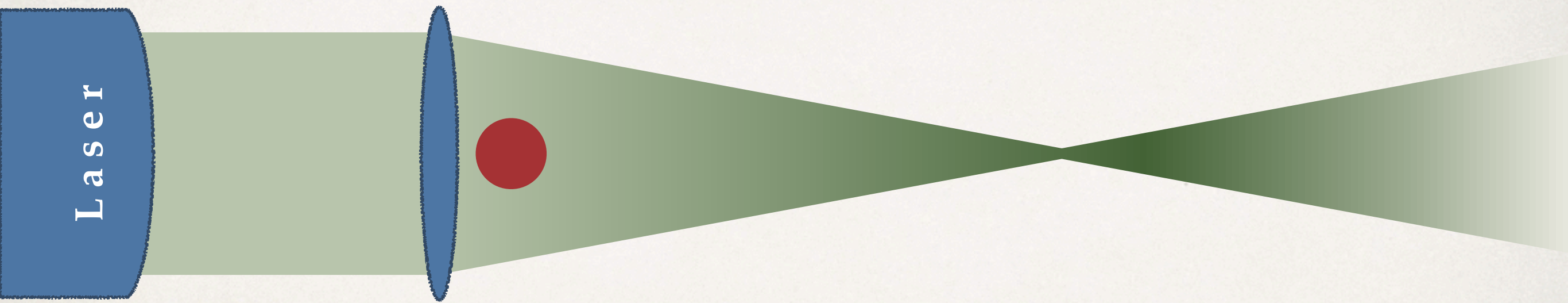
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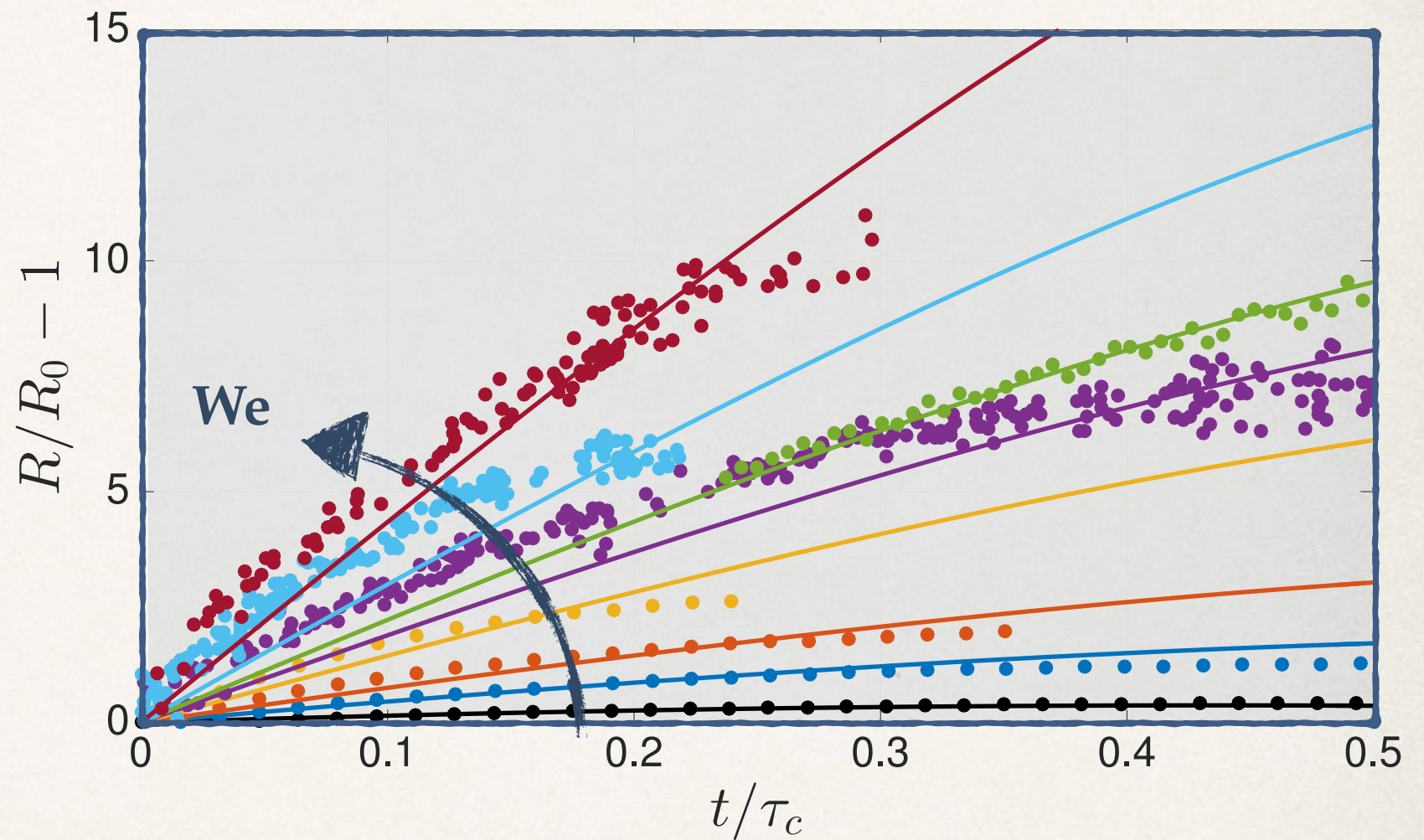
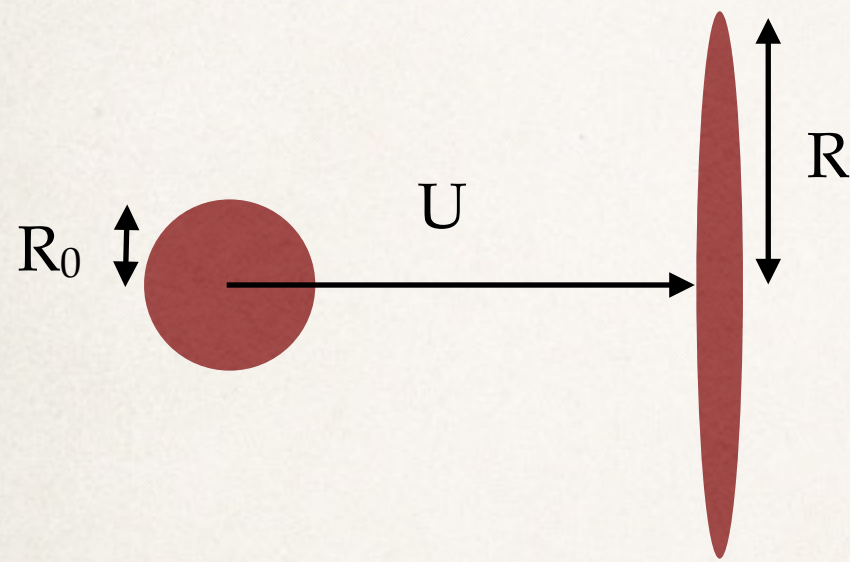
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2. The drop deforms



Laser energy, Weber number

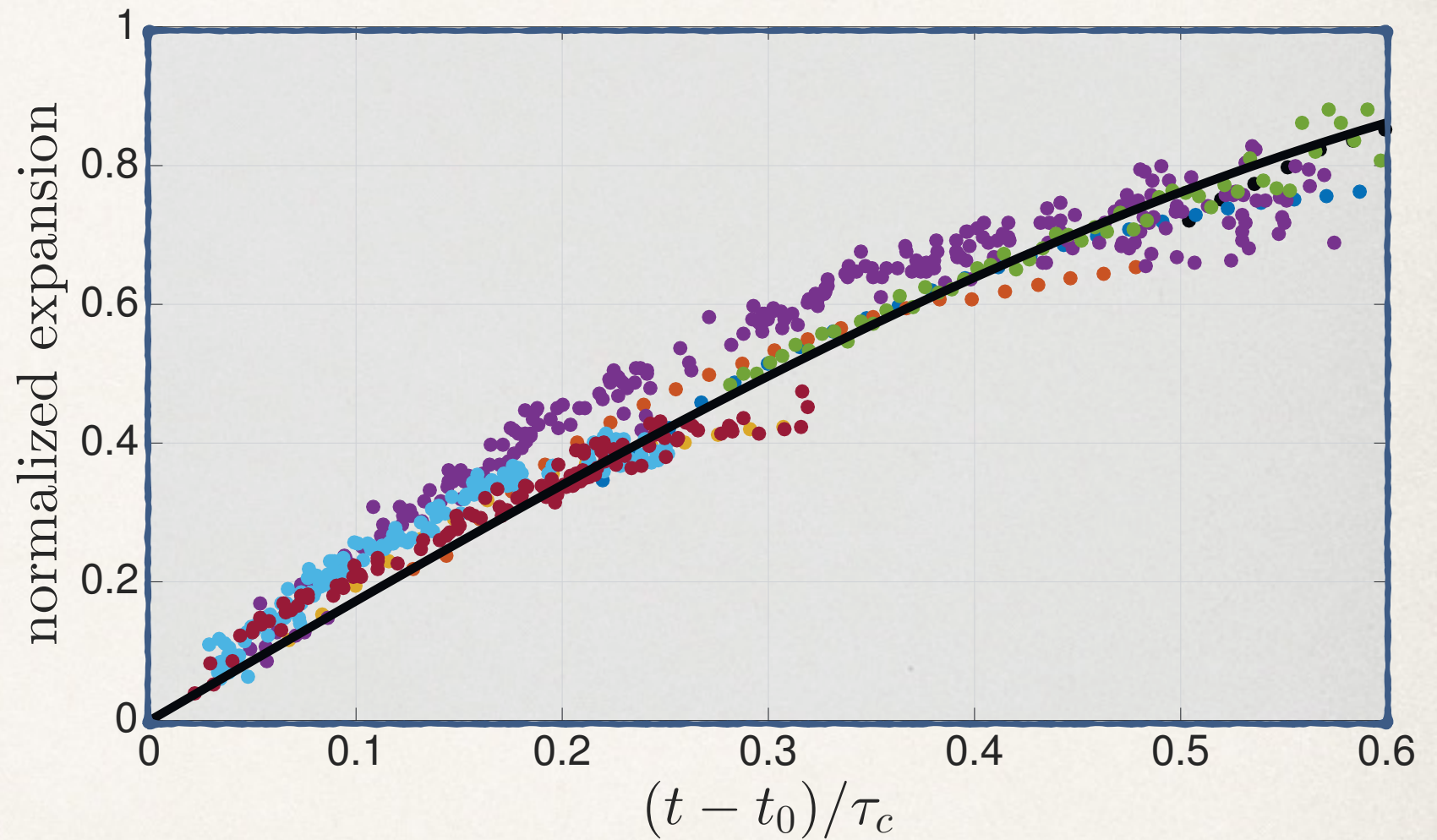
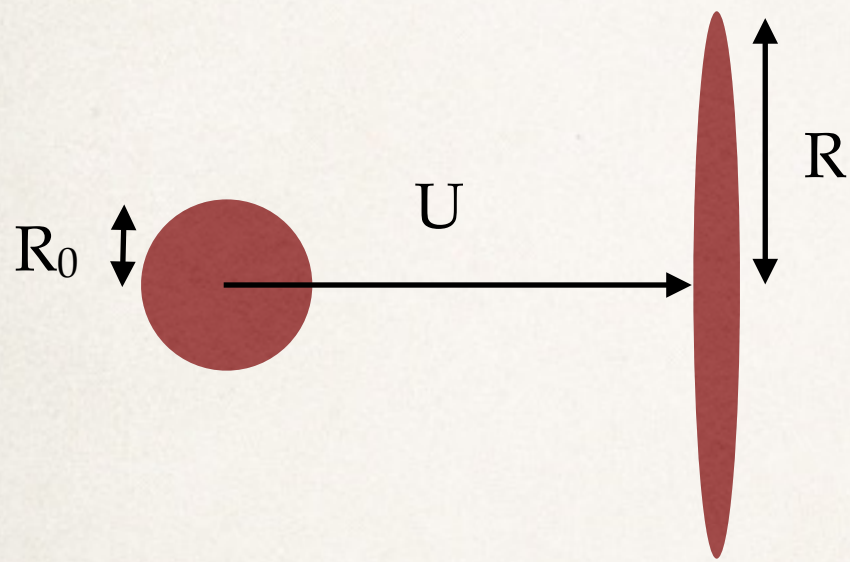
Drop expansion: water & tin collapse onto universal curve



Model for surface-tension
limited expansion:

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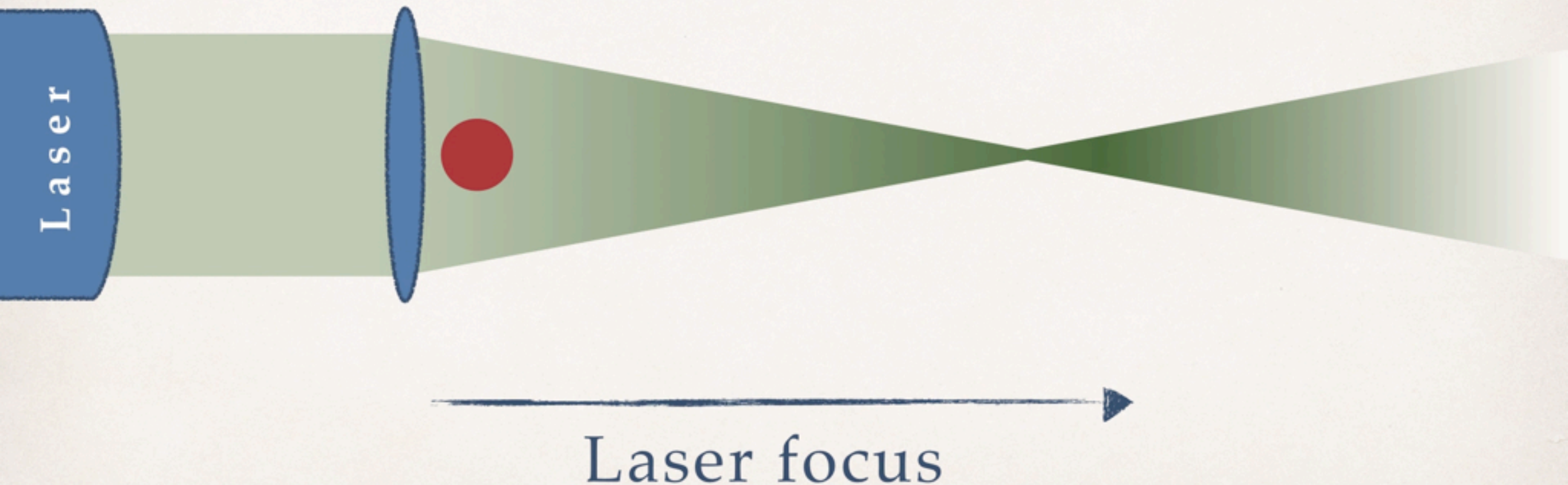
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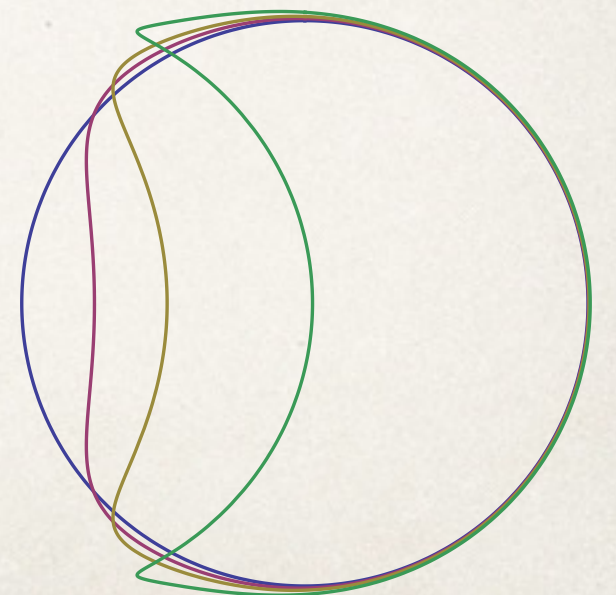
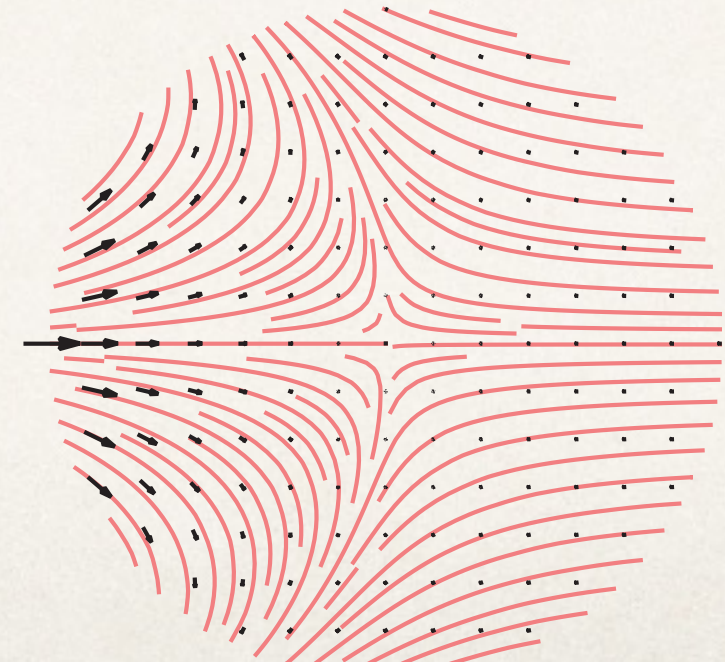
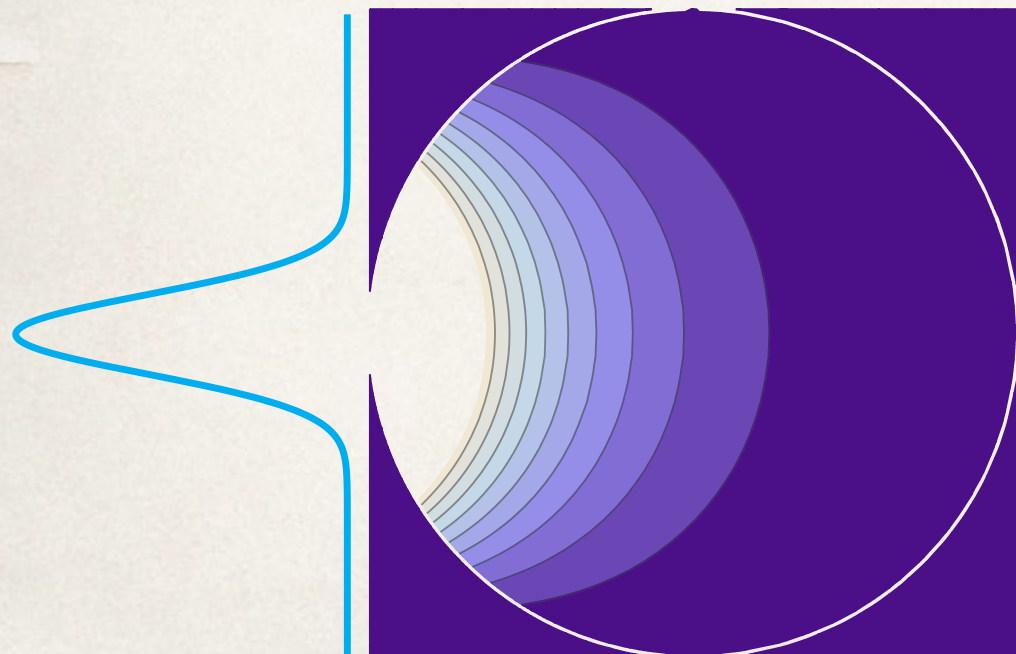
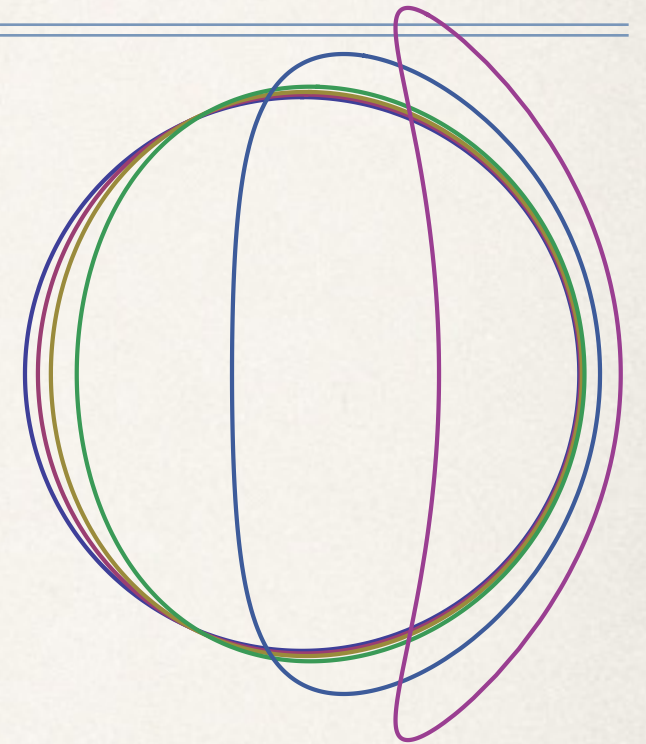
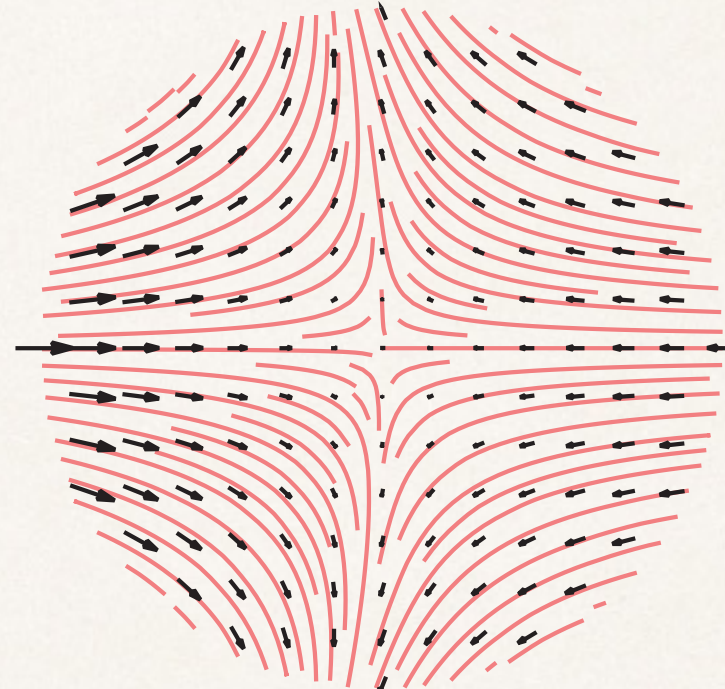
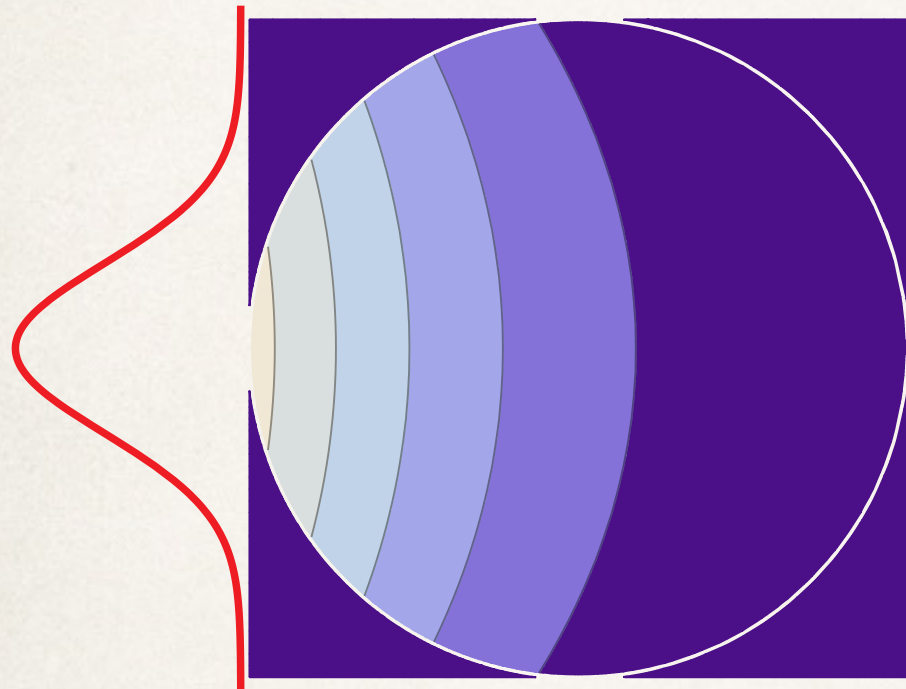
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Tune drop shape by laser focussing



Tune drop shape by laser focussing analytical model



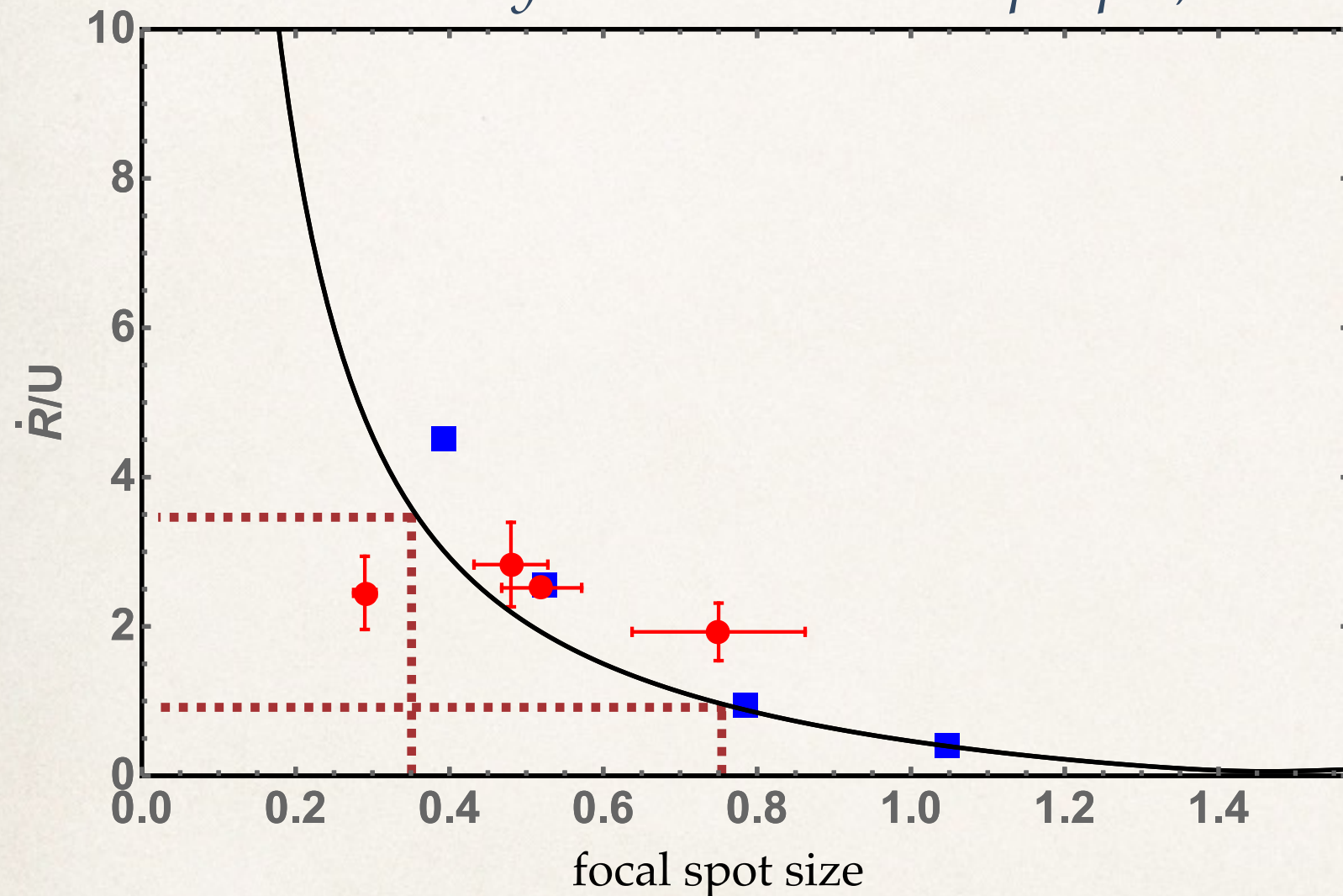
pressure

velocity

shape

Faster expansion by decreasing focal spot size

you don't want to propel, but to expand!



Focus ~ drop size

35% of kinetic energy used to deform

Focus ~ 1/2 drop size

85% of kinetic energy used to deform

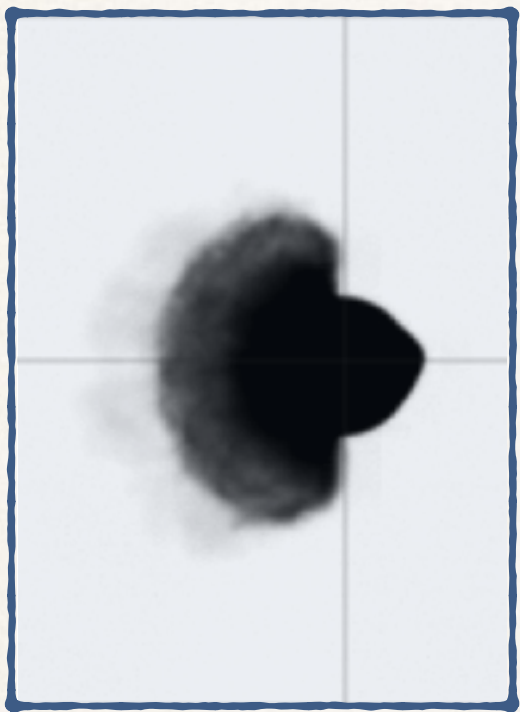
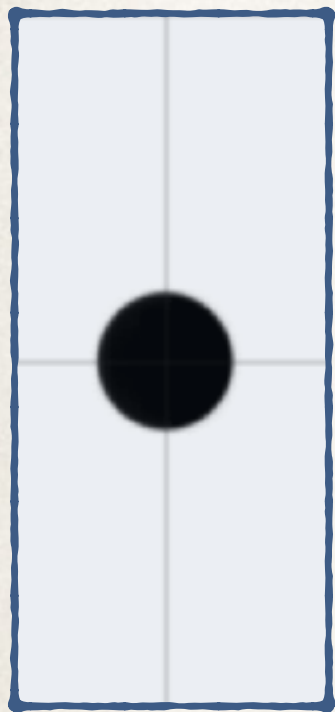
~3x faster expansion!

- ➡ lower PP energy
- ➡ shoot MP earlier



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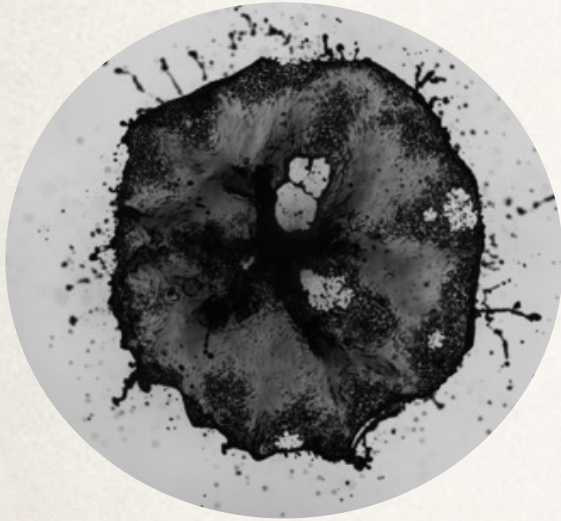
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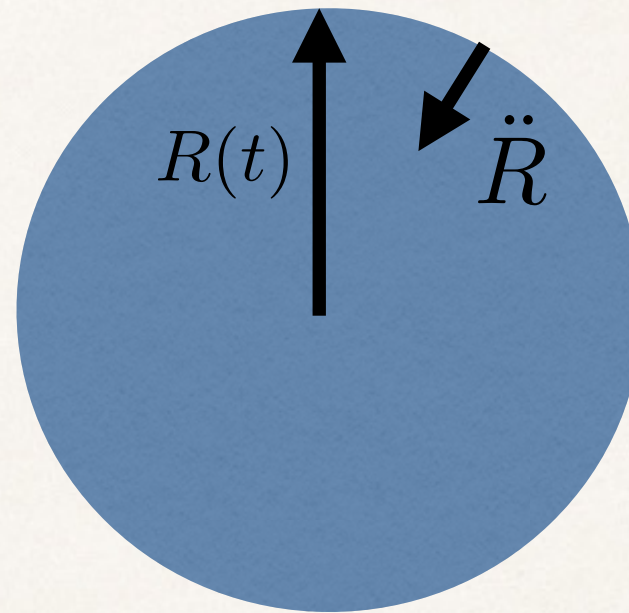
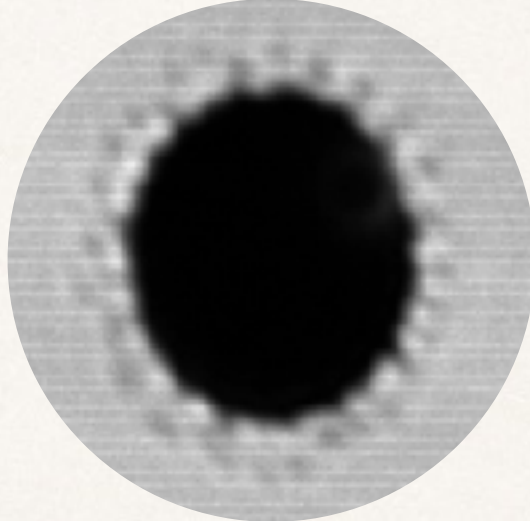
3a. Rim breakup

Fluid dynamic instability

water



tin

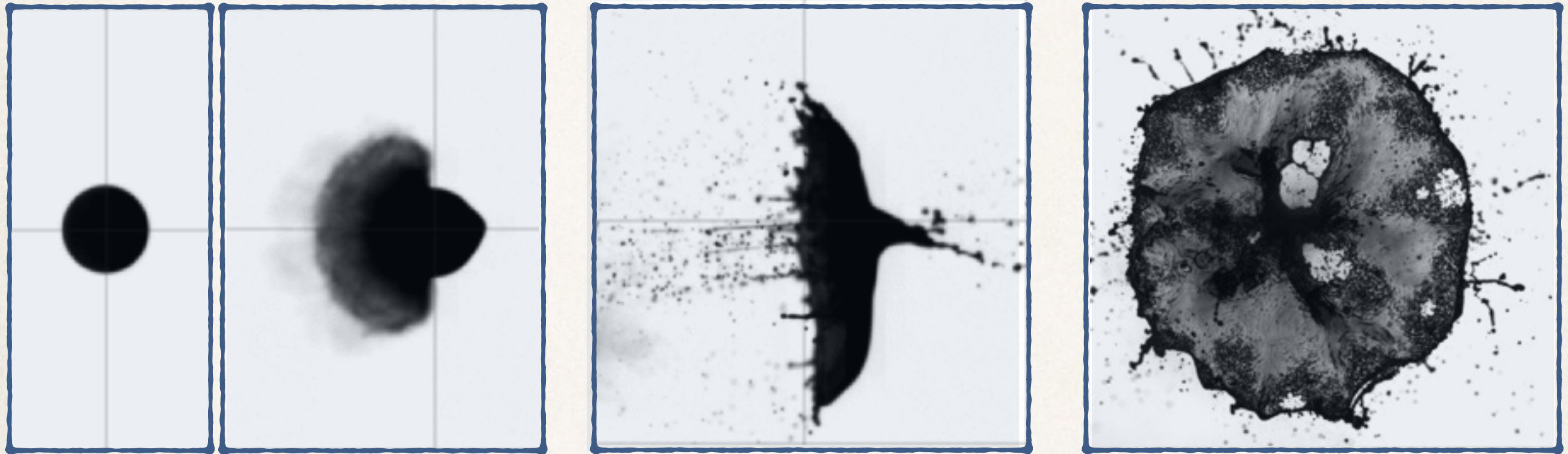


Predictions:

$$\omega \sim \left(\frac{\rho \ddot{R}^3}{\gamma} \right)^{1/4}$$

$$\lambda \sim \left(\frac{\gamma}{\rho \ddot{R}} \right)^{1/2}$$

Conclusions



- Key parameter drop deformation & fragmentation: Weber number
- Water & tin scalable
- Focussed laser: faster expansion, curved shape
- Phase diagram for different expansion and fragmentation regimes

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